SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA : How does these officers get key positions after having been found corrupt, after having been raided by the CBI... After having been cautioned, they still get important and key positions. That is my question.

SHRI L.K. ADVANI : If the hon. Member refers any case to me, I will certainly probe it.

*123. [The questioner (Shri Ekanath Thakur) was absent. For answer *vide* page 35—36 *infra*.]

*124. [The questioner (Dr. Prabha Thakur) was absent. For answer *vide* page 36—37 *infra*.]

Private coal mining

*125. SHRI R.K. ANAND:†

SHRI ABANI ROY:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring about legislative changes allowing private mining while liberalizing norms for allotment of captive blocks for trading in coal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA): (a) and (b) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b) The Coal Mines (Nationalization) Bill which was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 24-4-2000, seeks to amend the Coal Mines (Nationalization) Act, 1973 *inter-alia* for the following purposes:

To allow the Indian Companies to (i) mine coal and lignite without the existing restriction of captive consumption; (ii) engage in exploration of coal and lignite resources in the country.

As regards allotment of captive blocks, Companies engaged in the production of iron and steel, generation of power, manufacture of cement, washing of coal obtained from a mine, or such other end-use as the

† The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri R. K. Anand.

Central Government may, by notification specify, are eligible as per the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973 as amended in 1993, for captive mining. However, since washing of coal obtained from a mine, as an end use, involved sale of washed coal in the open market, no coal block for the purpose of washing as an end use has been allocated. This issue has further been examined in consultation with the Ministry of Law and Justice and it has been decided to allocate blocks for purpose of washing and sale of the washed coal in the open market to augment the availability of washed coal to the power, iron and steel and cement sector. However, the detailed parameters of the minimum capacity, technology, size of the blocks to be allocated and the basis of allocation such as competitive bidding and disposal of the washed coal etc. need to be framed before considering requests by companies for allocation of coal blocks for above purpose.

Moreover, it has been decided in the Ministry of Coal for allocation of small and isolated reserves, which can not be explored scientifically and in an economically viable manner, for commercial mining of coal to meet the needs of the local industries/populace under the provision of the Coal Mines (Nationalization) Act, 1973. The detailed parameters need to be framed before the decision is implemented.

SHRI R.K. ANAND: Mr. Chairman, Sir, the reply says that the Bill was introduced on 24-4-2000. How much time will it take to get the Bill passed?

श्री कड़िया मुंडा: महोदय, यह 24-4-2000 को संसद में प्रस्थापित किया गया था और उसके बाद संसदीय समिति को भेजा गया था। वहां से अनुशंसा आने के बाद फिर मंत्रियों के एक समूह ने उस पर विचार करने का प्रयास किया है। इस बिल को पास करने के लिए इससे संबंधित जो मजदूर यूनियनें हैं, उनकी भी राय ली जानी चाहिए। इस क्षेत्र में उनका संगठन काफी बड़ा है और यह प्रयास जारी है। मैं समझता हूं कि अगले कुछ महीनों के बाद निश्चित रूप से यह अनुशंसा सभी जगह से आ जाएगी तो हम उसको पास कराएंगे।

SHRI ABANI ROY: You have mentioned that the detailed parameters need to be framed before the decision is implemented. When the parameters will be framed, I want to know whether the Government will take any precautionary measures to protect the people of that area by making alternative arrangements for them, by providing them land for their residence and agriculture, which they have been having for a long time.

श्री कड़िया मुंडा : सभापति जी, इस संबंध में जो नॉर्म्स बनाए गए हैं जमीन अधिग्रहण करने के बाद जो सुविधाएं दी जानी चाहिएं, निश्चितरूप से कोल इंडिया इसका पूरी तरह से पालन करती है।

Registration of Dowry Cases

*126. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Police had issued circular/instructions that a case of dowry can not be registered without inquiry from the Crime Against Women Cell;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the cases registered district-wise and year-wise after 1999 without inquiry by the Crime Against Women Cell and reasons therefor; and

(d) the number of cases which had been registered after 7 years of marriage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The number of cases registered district-wise, during the period from 1st January, 2000 to 30th November, 2003 without inquiry by the Crime Against Women Cells is given in the Statement I enclosed (*See* below). The setting up of the Crime Against Women Cell has not diluted the responsibility of the local police to initiate action as and when a victim approaches them for assistance. Both the Crime Against Women Cell and the local police are competent to register and investigate cases of crime against women reported to them.

(d) Delhi Police have during the period from 1st January, 2003 to 30th November, 2003 registered 655 such dowry related cases.